

To: WRS GC Members and Guests

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Subject: 2019 WRS GC Spring Test and Measurements Meeting Invitation and Registration Information

Date: Dec. 12, 2018

At this time, I would like to cordially invite you all to attend the Spring 2019 Western Regional Strain Gage Committee Conference to be held on April 8 – 10, 2019 at the **Embassy Suites by Hilton Huntsville Hotel and Spa** (<https://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/alabama/embassy-suites-by-hilton-huntsville-hotel-and-spa-HSVESES/index.html>). The hotel is located approximately 15 miles (20 minutes) northeast of the Huntsville International Airport, in downtown Huntsville, AL, and is in close proximity to a number of restaurants.

Below is an overview of the conference schedule. Please note that we are continuing the recent tradition of hosting the tour on Tuesday afternoon. This approach allows attendees a little flexibility in making their travel plans on Wednesday evening.

Monday, April 8th: Executive Board meeting, starting at 1 pm, later followed by the Executive Board dinner. Dinner details will be forwarded, by separate email, once finalized. Meal costs are waived for current board members and attendees who will be presenting papers at the conference.

Tuesday, April 9th: Morning program to include the Chairman's Welcome, several technical paper presentations and an afternoon tour of The Boeing Company's Huntsville site. The main facility tour will be closed to foreign national guests. However, the U.S. Space & Rocket Center is close by and open to the general public. We will be arranging for special tour for those individuals (ride the same bus to and from the tour site). Complimentary breakfast (standard hotel breakfast buffet) and lunch will be provided at the conference. After lunch, we will board a shuttle for a group tour of the Boeing facilities which is about a 20 min drive from downtown.

Wednesday, April 10th: Morning and afternoon program at the hotel including the General Business Meeting, several technical presentations and the Hostile Environments workshop. Complimentary breakfast (standard hotel breakfast buffet) and lunch will be provided.

Complete program details, once finalized (about two weeks prior to the meeting), will follow in a subsequent email.

Meeting Registration: The WRS GC conference fee is \$300; the fee is waived for attendees giving formal presentations at the meeting. Please use Paypal to pay your fee, in advance, at the following website (see boxed Paypal payment option on webpage) <https://wrs gc.org/index.php/conferences/>. If you prefer, the conference fee may be paid at the registration table before the start of the meeting on Tuesday, April 9th. Checks payable to "WRS GC", cash and credit cards will be accepted.

Please complete the enclosed conference registration form and return it to Aida Rahim (rahima@lunainc.com) no later than Monday, March 18th, 2019.

Hotel Information

Embassy Suites by Hilton Huntsville Hotel & Spa
800 Monroe St SW
Huntsville
AL 35801
(256) 539-7373

For Room Reservations:**Web reservations:**

<https://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/alabama/embassy-suites-by-hilton-huntsville-hotel-and-spa-HSVESES/index.html>

Promotion / Offer Code: WRS

This will provide access to the Western Regional rate.

Booking By Phone:

Contact reservations at 1800-362-2779 and use the group code: **WRS**

The WRS GC has arranged a special conference rate of \$104. You can receive this special rate by registering as noted above. Complimentary Wi-fi is available in the guest rooms. **The final cutoff date for obtaining the guaranteed conference rate is Monday, March 18th, 2019.** Note that WRS GC is under contract to meet a minimum daily room reservation commitment of 60 room nights for the week. **Please act promptly and register ahead of the cutoff date so that I can start to relax about the financial commitment the organization makes each time we sign one of these conference hotel contracts.** Please include your hotel plans (nights staying at the hotel) with your conference registration email.

AIRPORTS

The Embassy Suites is about 20 minutes, by car, from the Huntsville International Airport.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

The hotel does **NOT** provide a complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport. You will need to make other arrangements. For those who need or want to rent cars, the hotel has **free parking**.

**WRSGC Spring 2019 Conference
Huntsville, AL
Registration Form**

Please provide the following information by **Monday, March 18th, 2019**. We need this information to complete our final arrangements for things like the bus size, board dinner, etc. For those who have registered for **any** of the five to six previous conferences, Los Angeles, Seattle, Dallas, Cleveland, New Orleans, and Denver, your contact information is already in our system. **If you are one of those individuals, then you only need to provide your name, hotel plans and what parts of the conference you plan to attend.**

- Full name: _____
- Company Name: _____
- Phone number: _____
- Email: _____
- Country of Origin: _____
- Hotel Plans (which hotel and number of nights staying) _____
- I will be attending the NREL Wind Technology Center Tour **(Y/N)** ____
- I will be attending the Executive Board meeting **(Y/N)** ____
- I will be attending the Executive Board dinner Mon. night **(Y/N)** ____ and bringing ____ guest(s)

REMINDER: Registrations must be received by Monday, March 18th, 2019, if you wish to be included in the tour group.

Workshop Questions

Workshops have always been a vital part of the WRSGC. Please help make this meeting a success by taking a few minutes think of any challenging questions or experiences that you may have faced and would make good topics of discussion for the group. Please submit your question(s) using the form below and return it with the registration.

**WRSGC Fall 2018 Conference
Workshop Questions**

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2) _____

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